

**00552**

**1981/06/00**

SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS

EIA

-- INDIA VIEWS THE PROSPECTIVE STRENGTHENING OF U.S.-  
PAKISTAN SECURITY RELATIONS AS A CHALLENGE TO IMPORTANT INDIAN  
FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. WE HAVE TRIED TO ALLAY THESE INDIAN  
CONCERNS, AND TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE INDIANS.

-- WE HAVE TOLD THE INDIANS THAT WE WANT GOOD RELATIONS  
WITH BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND THAT STRONGER U.S.-PAKISTAN TIES  
ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THEM. WE HAVE THESE TIES IN THE CONTEXT  
OF OUR CONCERN WITH THE SOVIET THREAT TO THE PERSIAN GULF/SOUTH-  
WEST ASIA REGION.

-- DESPITE OUR EFFORTS, THE INDIANS CONTINUE TO BE CRITICAL.  
SO FAR, THEIR NEGATIVE REACTION HAS BEEN CONFINED TO RHETORIC,  
PROBABLY THE BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR.

-- AN IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS COULD HAVE A SIGNI-  
FICANT INFLUENCE ON THE WAY INDIA VIEWS ITS SECURITY ENVIRONMENT  
AND PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MODERATING INDIAN REACTION TO  
U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS. IT COULD ALSO OVER TIME CONTRIBUTE TO  
A LESSENING OF INDIAN DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION AND ABET  
INDIAN CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET OBJECTIVES SPARKED BY THE AFGHANISTAN  
INVASION.

-- WE WELCOME FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA'S VISIT TO INDIA.  
WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE USEFUL BOTH FOR WHAT IT CAN ACCOMPLISH  
IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND FOR ITS SYMBOLIC  
VALUE. IT COULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OCCASION FOR CHINA TO REITERATE  
ITS INTEREST IN SUBCONTINENTAL STABILITY AND IMPROVED INDO-  
PAKISTAN RELATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE		IS/FPC/CDR	Date: 12/5/96
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCLASS	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLASSIFY	MR Cases Only:	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCISE	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLASSIFY	EO Citations:	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY	IN PART		
<input type="checkbox"/> DELETE Non-Responsive Info		TS authority to	
FOIA Exemptions		<input type="checkbox"/> CLASSIFY as <input type="checkbox"/> S or	
PA Exemptions		<input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TS to <input type="checkbox"/> S or	

CONFIDENTIAL